

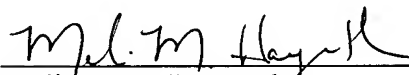
REMARKS

New claims 19 – 26 are pending, with claims 19 and 23 being independent. Claims 1 – 18 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein since they are directed to subject matter prosecuted in the parent application. Claims 19 and 20 were originally presented in the parent application and were canceled pursuant to an Examiner's Amendment on June 25, 2003, merely to pursue an early allowance. Support for newly added claims 19-20 can be found throughout the specification, including in the original claims. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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